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Fentress bail request dropped

By Pamela Golinski
and Larry Hertz
Journal staff writers

The attorney for Poughkeepsie schoolteacher Albert Fentress today unexpectedly withdrew his motion seeking bail for his client, but he would not say why.

Fentress, a history teacher at Poughkeepsie Middle School, is in the Dutchess County Jail on charges he murdered 18-year-old Spackenkill High School graduate Paul Masters.

The bail application was made Thursday by attorney Peter Maroulis, and was an amendment of Maroulis' earlier request that his client be transferred to a private psychiatric hospital to prevent him from committing suicide.

Maroulis told County Judge Raymond E. Aldrich Jr. Thursday he amended his motion after learning that two hospitals he thought might be appropriate for Fentress had inadequate security.

The only other facility that might be appropriate is the Forensic Services Psychiatric Unit of the Westchester County Jail, Maroulis said, but transferring Fentress there would require both a Dutchess County court order and approval from Westchester authorities.

Aldrich had given the prosecutor, Chief Assistant District Attorney William V. Grady, until today to answer Maroulis's bail motion. But Maroulis appeared in court this morning and said he had conferred with his client and was withdrawing his request for bail, Grady said.

"All I can say is I withdrew the motion for bail," Maroulis said after court today. He declined further comment and would not discuss his reasons.

Maroulis had said that if Aldrich set a bail that Fentress could meet, his client would admit himself to the Stony Lodge Hospital in Ossining, one of the two facilities the lawyer visited in preparation for appearing in court Thursday.

If Aldrich had set bail in an amount that Fentress cannot raise, however, Maroulis had said he would ask the court to pursue transferring his client to the Westchester psychiatric facility.

Fentress was in court Thursday, but as usual stood silently before the judge during the proceedings.

Police checking report slain teen had been bound

By Pamela Golinski
Journal staff writer

AUG 2 3 1979

Authorities are investigating whether Paul Masters, the Town of Poughkeepsie teen-ager found dead in a Poughkeepsie schoolteacher's home Monday, had been tied to a post in the basement before he died.

City Police Sgt. Roland Witherwax said Wednesday police found ropes in the unfinished basement of Albert F. Fentress' South Grand Avenue home

Fentress, a history teacher at the Poughkeepsie Middle School, has been charged with Masters' murder and is currently being held without bail in the Dutchess County Jail.

Sources close to the investigation said Wednesday the ropes were tied to a post in the basement. Masters, 18, was not tied up when he was found, the sources said, but there were marks on his arms that could have been made by ropes.

Meanwhile police, who have been investigating where Masters was in the hours before his death, have definitely placed him at the Krieger School around midnight Sunday where they broke up a rumble between Spackenkill and Poughkeepsie youths.

Witherwax said eyewitnesses reported seeing Masters at the fracas, which occurred only two blocks from Fentress' home, where the young man was found dead around 3 a.m.

Police are still looking for a connection between Masters and Fentress to explain how Masters got to the 38-year-old teacher's home early Monday morning.

Masters, who graduated from Spackenkill High School this past June, worked for part of the summer at Friendly's Ice Cream and Sandwich Shop on Hooker Avenue. And waitresses at Friendly's said Wednesday they recognized Fentress as a patron of the restaurant.

Masters was found dead early Monday morning by police who were dispatched after receiving a call from a woman directing them to Fentress' home.

Witherwax said Masters had been shot twice at very close range. He said two slugs believed to have come from a .38 caliber handgun were found in Masters head, but ballistics tests--which could determine whether the slugs came from Fentress' gun--have not yet been completed.

Masters' body was dragged halfway up stairs, police say

SEP 1 1979

By Pamela Golinski
Journal staff writer

City of Poughkeepsie police disclosed Friday that when they found the body of murder victim Paul Masters, it was lying halfway up a stairway where it apparently had been dragged from the basement of Albert F. Fentress' home.

That was the latest piece of the puzzle to emerge from authorities, who have said they are baffled about a possible motive for Masters' murder.

Fentress, a history teacher at the Poughkeepsie Middle School, was charged with killing the 18-year-old Spackenkill High School graduate who was found shot to death in Fentress' home on Aug. 20. The teacher is being held without bail in the Dutchess County Jail.

Information about the case has come out in bits and pieces over the last two weeks, and police have said they were instructed not to release further details. But on Friday, police did release some additional material from their reports.

According to City Police Lt. Roland Quinlan, officers responding to the scene in the early morning hours of Aug. 20 found Fentress sitting in the living room of his South Grand Avenue home holding a .38 caliber handgun, and Masters downstairs, dead, with two bullet holes in his head.

Fentress appeared to be in control of himself when police arrived on the scene, Quinlan said.

Ballistics tests taken to determine if the slugs in Masters' head were fired from Fentress' gun have not come back from the lab yet, according to police.

Quinlan said police also found a shower curtain lying next to Fentress' tan Cadillac, which had been backed part of the way into the garage next to the house. He said he does not know, however, whether the trunk of the car was open or shut.

Asked if police believe Masters' body was to have been removed from the house, Quinlan said, "That's what we assume."

The initial call to police, which came in about 3 a.m. Aug. 20, was made by Mrs. Stanley Schwartz of Poughkeepsie, Quinlan said.

The lieutenant said Mrs. Schwartz called police after hearing from her son, Wally--a Westchester attorney--that Fentress had contacted him.

Mrs. Schwartz "didn't really know herself what had happened," Quinlan said; she simply told police there was something amiss and that they should go to Fentress' home.

The lieutenant said he does not know what Fentress told Schwartz when he called.

Police still do not know for sure whether the schoolteacher and Masters knew each other, although they do know that Masters worked at Friendly's on Hooker Avenue, and that Fentress was a patron of the restaurant, Quinlan said.

And they are still puzzled about why Masters was in Fentress' home that night.

Masters was reportedly last seen about 12:30 a.m. at what police said was a potential rumble between Spackenkill and Poughkeepsie teenagers near the Krieger school. Other youths who were at the fracas returned to a party on Scenic Drive, but Masters wasn't with them, Quinlan said.

According to the lieutenant, the shower curtain, the gun and ropes found in the basement of Fentress' home were taken into evidence. Sources close to the investigation said earlier there were marks on Masters' arms that may have been made by ropes.

Police are still waiting the results of laboratory tests done at the time of the autopsy on Masters' body.

Psychiatric hospitalization asked for Fentress

By Pamela Golinski
Journal staff writer

SEP 5 1979

County Judge Raymond E. Aldrich Jr. Tuesday reserved decision on a request that Poughkeepsie schoolteacher Albert Fentress be admitted to a psychiatric hospital to prevent him from committing suicide.

Fentress is in the Dutchess County Jail on charges he murdered 18-year-old Spackenkill High School graduate Paul Masters Aug. 20. Masters was found dead in the basement of Fentress' South Grand Avenue home with two bullet wounds in his head.

Fentress stood silently as his attorney, Peter Maroulis, asked the judge either to release his client without bail, or to set bail at no more than [illegible] which he said is all [illegible]

Fentress be transferred to a psychiatric hospital because psychiatrist Dr. Arnold Bucove examined Fentress and said he may be suicidal.

"Dr. Bucove is afraid he will make a serious effort to kill himself," Maroulis said. "I realize the charge against the defendant is most serious. Ordinarily I would not request recognizance or bail in that low amount. But I am particularly concerned about his welfare."

The hospital, the attorney said, would be a secure facility where Fentress would be under constant care and treatment.

Aldrich said he was not impressed with Bucove's analysis, which he called weak and inconclusive. But he agreed to adjourn the [illegible] when Maroulis is [illegible]

description of the hospitals he has investigated.

Maroulis said he intends to look into the Stony Lodge Hospital in Ossining and New York Hospital's White Plains Division.

Fentress is being held in a regular cell in the Dutchess County Jail, but authorities say there is a note on his record saying he is a "suicidal risk."

That means jail guards are supposed to pay extra attention to Fentress when they make their rounds.

The jail does have an isolation cell known as the "bird cage," where a potentially suicidal or high-risk prisoner may be housed. But that cell is currently occupied by self-proclaimed mass murderer Joseph

Police trying to solve mystery surrounding Masters' murder

AUG 3 0 1979

By Pamela Golinski
Journal staff writer

City of Poughkeepsie police have begun a second round of interviews in another attempt to solve the mystery of 18-year-old Paul Masters' murder.

Masters, a June graduate of Spackenkill High School, was found Aug. 20 mutilated and shot to death in the South Grand Avenue home of Poughkeepsie schoolteacher Albert F. Fentress.

The police say they still have not found a connection between the two men and still cannot explain what Masters was doing in Fentress' house, despite more than 30 interviews with friends and relatives.

The Masters family has also been unable to provide any information that would explain the killing, according to Vincent DeBiase, the family's attorney.

The police are also waiting for the results of laboratory tests done at the time of Masters' autopsy, which may tell them what happened to the teenager in the hours before he died.

Fentress, meanwhile, has reportedly given no statements to police. City police Capt. Donald Briggs said they made an official request to speak to him earlier this week, but the request was denied by Peter Maroulis, Fentress' attorney.

Fentress, who has been charged with second-degree murder, is being held without bail in the Dutchess County Jail.

Sources say murder victim shot twice

By Pamela Golinski
and Larry Hertz
Journal staff writers AUG 21 1979

Paul Masters, who was found dead early Monday morning in the home of a Poughkeepsie school teacher, had been shot twice in the head and sexually mutiliated, sources close to the investigation confirmed today.

Police found Masters, an 18-year-old graduate of Spackenkill High School, at the South Grand Avenue home of Poughkeepsie Middle School history teacher Albert F. Fentress about 3 a.m. Monday.

Fentress, who has taught history in Poughkeepsie city schools since 1965, pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder at his arraignment in city court Monday and is being held without bail in the Dutchess County Jail pending a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

Sources say it is still unclear whether Masters had been mutilated before or after he died.

Sgt. Roland Witherwax of the Poughkeepsie City Police Department said today there still has not been any connection established between Masters and the 38-year-old teacher, despite interviews with friends and relatives.

Assistant District Attorney Thomas Dolan, who is handling the case, has been quoted as saying there is no indication the two men knew each other before Monday. And Witherwax said police have not been able to determine what brought Masters to Fentress' home.

"We have a lot more work to do at the scene," the sergeant added.

According to some of Masters' friends, he was last seen about 1 a.m. Monday at what they said was a quiet party on Scenic Drive in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Police say they intend to conduct further interviews with the people who attended the party.

Masters was described by those who knew him as a bright student who dated regularly, played on the high school football team and was a member of student goverment when he was a senior..He graduated in June, and was expected to enter college next month.

Fentress was described as a popular teacher with an outstanding record in the district.

Neighbors said he was a quiet man who lived alone in his two-story home in a peaceful residential neighborhood.

Teacher held in teen-ager's shooting death

AUG 2 0 1979

By Pamela Golinski
and the Journal staff

A Poughkeepsie Middle School teacher was charged with murder today in the early morning shooting death of an 18-year-old Spackenkill High School graduate, according to City of Poughkeepsie police.

Police said they were dispatched to the 216 S. Grand Ave. home of Albert F. Fentress, 38, where they found Paul Masters of 23 Timberline Drive dead, with a gunshot wound in his head.

The wound apparently came from a .38 caliber handgun that belonged to Fentress, a history teacher at the Poughkeepsie Middle School, according to police.

Police said they don't know what Masters was doing at Fentress' home

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... whether the two had had an argument. One of the arresting officers, however, said Fentress acted "perfectly normal" when police arrived.

Assistant District Attorney Thomas Dolan then instructed the officers not to make any further comment about details of the shooting.

The call to police headquarters came shortly after 3 a.m. from a woman on Bancroft Road who had heard about the shooting from someone Fentress had telephoned, police said.

Fentress pleaded not guilty at his arraignment in city court today and was remanded to jail without bail pending a preliminary hearing Wednesday. He is represented by Poughkeepsie attorney Peter Maroulis.

Fentress has been a history teacher in the Poughkeepsie school district since Jan. 20, 1965, according to Associate Superintendent Dr. Ronald Valenti.

"He's had an outstanding record in the district and has received several letters of commendation on his performance and involvement as a teacher here," said Valenti, who added he was "completely shocked" to hear of his arrest.

Neighbors on the block where Fentress lives all described him as a very quiet person who lived alone, never bothering anyone. "I never knew he was there," said one woman, who asked not to be identified.

Fentress lives in a well-kept white two-story wood-frame home, with flowers in the front yard. The street is a well-kept residential block, in a quiet neighborhood.

One neighbor said there were always a lot of youngsters around Fentress' home, and another said today was the first time anything out of the ordinary happened there.

Jeff Scutt, 214 S. Grand Ave., described Fentress as "a nice guy." He said he spoke to Fentress at 9 p.m. Sunday. Fentress was alone at the time, he said.

People on the block said they had not heard the shooting, but they were awakened around 3 a.m. by the sound of police sirens.

Masters, who reportedly was going to the State University of New York at Albany this fall, was described by Spackenkill school officials as a "leadership type" who had been active in student government in his senior year of high school, and who was a member of the football team.

"He was an outspoken person that other kids sat back and listened to when he had something to say," said Lonnie Palmer, assistant principal at the high school. "He had a lot of fun, and a lot of friends."

Palmer said he was a "tough kid," but not one who was quick-tempered.

Tom Finley, one of Masters' friends, described him today as "one of the nicest guys y... want to know. He wo... for you."

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Paul Masters

Teacher pleads not guilty in murder of young man

By Pamela Golinski
Journal staff writer

AUG 21 1979

Poughkeepsie schoolteacher Albert F. Fentress pleaded not guilty today to charges he murdered an 18-year-old Spackenkill High School graduate Monday.

Fentress was indicted by a Dutchess County grand jury Tuesday on a charge of second-degree murder in the shooting death of Paul Masters.

Fentress was arraigned before County Judge Raymond E. Aldrich Jr., who adjourned the case for 30 days to give defense attorneys time to prepare motions. Defense lawyer Peter L. Maroulis said he was not prepared yet to ask the judge to set bail.

Fentress spoke clearly when asked by the judge who he was and whether he had an attorney, but he made no other statements before he was taken back to the Dutchess County Jail.

Masters was found dead in Fentress' South Grand Avenue home about 3 a.m. Monday. Sources have confirmed he had been shot twice in the head and sexually mutilated.

Meanwhile, police have been trying to determine what young Masters was doing in the hours before he was murdered, and how he came to be in Fentress' home.

Police say they still have not been able to make any connection between Masters and the 38-year-old history teacher from the Poughkeepsie Middle School.

And they have also received conflicting reports on where Masters was between midnight Sunday and the time of his death.

Sgt. Roland Witherwax of the Poughkeepsie City Police Department said some young people told police Masters stayed at a party on Scenic Drive until 1 a.m.

Others, however, said he went with a group of friends to the intersection of Hooker and Grand avenues near the Krieger School where a "rumble" was planned between Spackenkill and Poughkeepsie youths, Witherwax said.



Journal photo by Robert V. Niles

Albert Fentress is escorted from courtroom today ...after his arraignment on grand jury indictment

Fentress lives at 216 S. Grand Ave., a few blocks from Krieger School.

Witherwax said police responded to the scene after receiving an anonymous phone call around midnight, but the youths fled when they arrived.

The week before, a similar confrontation was threatened, the sergeant said. Police were dispatched to Spratt Park in the city where youths were planning to "do battle," he said.

In both cases, police arrived before any violence erupted, he said.

Asked about the source of the dispute, Witherwax said, "I have no idea. The kids aren't saying."

According to police, Fentress gave no statement when he was arrested.

He was not charged with first-degree murder because that charge applies only to the murder of a police officer or prison guard, or to a murder committed by an inmate already serving a life sentence.

First-degree murder carries a possible death penalty, while second-degree murder is punishable by a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

Gibson gets maximum for robbery

Larry Gibson, convicted of burglary, robbery and attempted escape by a county jury in July, has been sentenced to 12 ½ to 25 years in prison—the maximum allowed by law.

Dutchess County Judge Albert Rosenblatt imposed the sentence this morning. He said he decided to impose the maximum sentence chiefly because of Gibson's three previous convictions for armed robbery between 1966 and 1970 on Long Island.

"This is the fourth time you've been involved in armed stickups," Rosenblatt told Gibson, "and under the circumstances I have no alternative but to see to it that I follow the jury's mandate and keep you out of circulation for as long as is in my power."

Gibson was found guilty of entering a Hyde Park woman's home and robbing her of $1 at knifepoint on June 8, 1978 and then attempting to escape from the county jail when he was arrested on Aug. 11, 1978.

Gibson, a former inmate at Green Haven state prison, was employed as assistant director of a Marist College program for Green Haven inmates when he was arrested.

Gibson remained expressionless during the sentencing but told Rosenblatt that "much has been made of my past record" unfairly.

Gibson reiterated his contention that he was not guilty of the robbery and burglary in Hyde Park and said he has not engaged in criminal activity since he kicked his dependency on drugs while he was in prison.

"I had no need or desire to rob," Gibson told Rosenblatt. "I didn't do it."

Gibson's attorney, Denis McClure, notified Rosenblatt that he intends to appeal the conviction in the Appellate Court.

Rosenblatt sentenced Gibson to 12 ½ to 25 years on the robbery conviction, 7 ½ to 15 years on the burglary and two to four years on the attempted escape, with all three sentences to run concurrently.

Rosenblatt stipulated, however, that his sentence should run consecutively with the balance of a prison term Gibson was serving for a 1970 conviction. Rosenblatt said Gibson was paroled after six years of a 13-year term.

Family expresses gratitude for gestures

TO THE EDITOR:

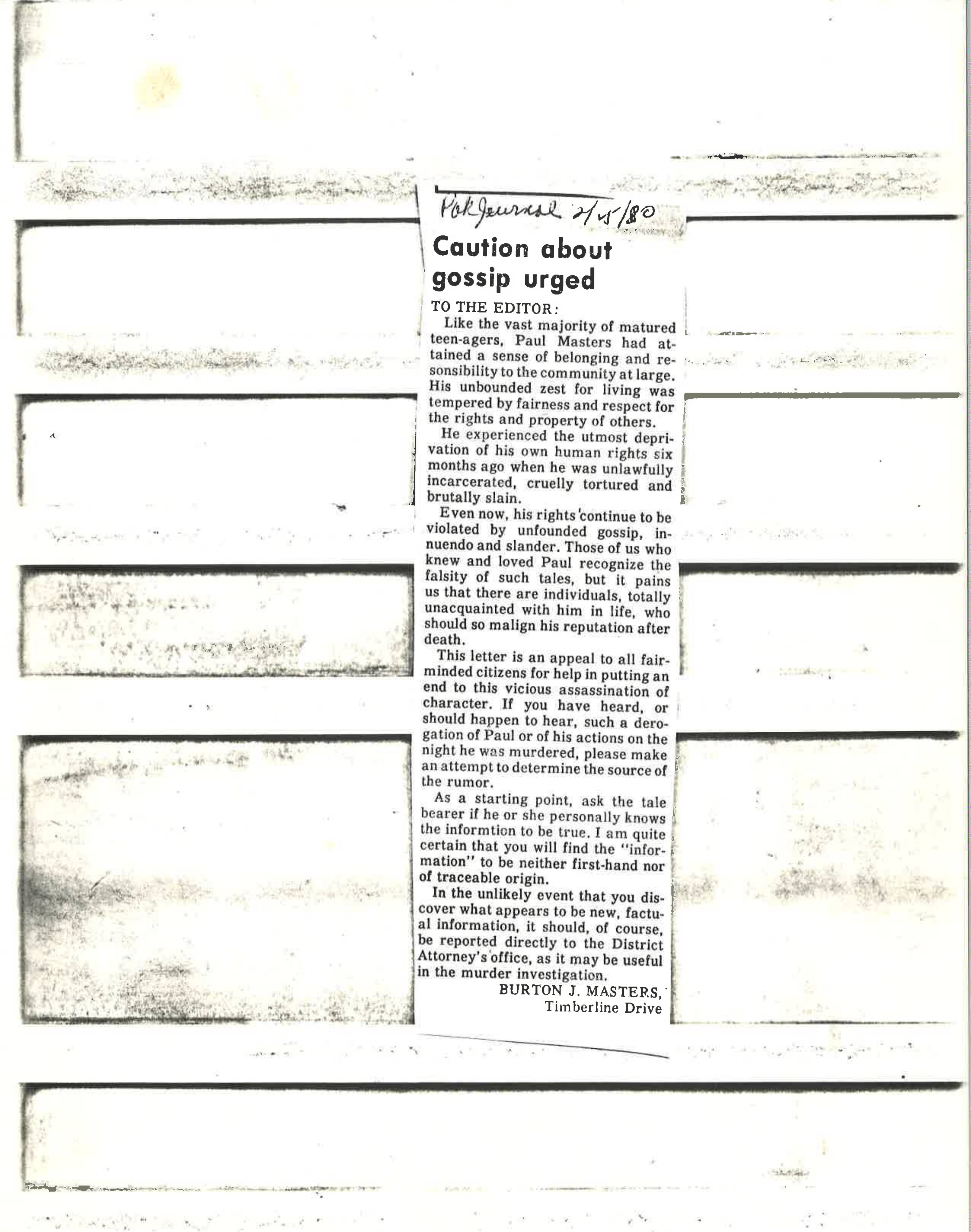
The Masters family wishes to thank the community for their shared sorrow and empathy on the loss of our beloved son, Paul.

The outpouring at the services and the many gestures of kindness were truly gratifying.

May the memory of this fine young man spur us on to make the world a better place.

BURT, BOBBIE, MARK, STEVE, SUZIE, ANN and FRANK
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Caution about gossip urged

TO THE EDITOR:

Like the vast majority of matured teen-agers, Paul Masters had attained a sense of belonging and responsibility to the community at large. His unbounded zest for living was tempered by fairness and respect for the rights and property of others.

He experienced the utmost deprivation of his own human rights six months ago when he was unlawfully incarcerated, cruelly tortured and brutally slain.

Even now, his rights continue to be violated by unfounded gossip, innuendo and slander. Those of us who knew and loved Paul recognize the falsity of such tales, but it pains us that there are individuals, totally unacquainted with him in life, who should so malign his reputation after death.

This letter is an appeal to all fair-minded citizens for help in putting an end to this vicious assassination of character. If you have heard, or should happen to hear, such a derogation of Paul or of his actions on the night he was murdered, please make an attempt to determine the source of the rumor.

As a starting point, ask the tale bearer if he or she personally knows the informtion to be true. I am quite certain that you will find the "information" to be neither first-hand nor of traceable origin.

In the unlikely event that you discover what appears to be new, factual information, it should, of course, be reported directly to the District Attorney's office, as it may be useful in the murder investigation.

BURTON J. MASTERS,
Timberline Drive

file FENTRESS

NEW YORK POST, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1980

Crazed teacher cut

'eacher cut up youth and then ate him

A 39-year-old history teacher acted out a grotesque script he himself wrote by raping, castrating, shooting and cannibalizing a teenager, according to doctors testifying at his murder trial yesterday.

The teacher, Albert Fentress, charged with second-degree murder, was found not guilty by reason of insanity after two days of testimony by psychiatrists in Dutchess Court in upstate Poughkeepsie.

By TOM TOPOR

According to the psychiatrists, on Aug. 18, 1979, Fentress wrote two scripts about sexual mutilation and murder. He then burned the scripts.

Two days later, however, Fentress put his scripts into action: as 18-year-old Paul Masters was walking by his Poughkeepsie home, the teacher invited him in for a drink.

Once in the house, Fentress raped and mutilated the boy, shot him, cut him up, and cooked the parts and ate them.

As one of the defense psychiatrists testified, "Masters accidentally became the character in his [Fentress'] writing. He carried out the rituals of the script. Everything seemed to proceed as though it were in the writing."

A psychiatrist hired by the victim's family agreed with the verdict of "not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect."

Fentress had been a history teacher at the Poughkeepsie Middle School for 10 years. Masters had been scheduled to begin classes at the State University in Albany a week after he was killed.

Fentress had been in Dutchess County Jail since the murder — he had turned himself in — but after yesterday's verdict he was sent to the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Hospital for an indefinite period. At Mid-Hudson, he will be examined by state psychiatrists.

His period of hospitalization will be determined by psychiatrists and the court.

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CRIME CLASSIFICATION

Police Department
CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

COMPLAINT REPORT
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NAME OF COMPLAINANT Last First Name and Initials | ADDRESS OF COMPLAINANT

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE | PLACE OF OCCURRENCE

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DETAILS

Prior to going to the County Jail and with the consent of his attorney Mr. Fentress was brought back to the Det.. Division at which time photographs were taken of him without his clothes on so as to determine whether or not there were any marks or scratches anywhere on his body. During the time these photographs were taken by Officer Knapp Mr. Maroulis was present. The aforementioned was an account of what this detective did pertaining to the preliminary investigation from the time he arrived at Police HQ. (For further information pertaining to preliminary investigation, see reports of Det. Pizzarelli and Siegel, and Crime Scene Technicians report along with officer's reports.) Other reports to follow, investigation remains open.

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STATUS OF THIS CASE

Signature of Detective

Signature of Commanding Officer

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FILE CLASSIFICATION

Homicide:
216 Grand Ave
Aug. 20-79 310 am
Victim- [redacted]
Defendant- Albert Fentress

Police Department
CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

COMPLAINT REPORT OF CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN

Off. R. Knapp #94 report

NAME OF COMPLAINANT Surname First Name and Initials	ADDRESS OF COMPLAINANT
DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE August 20-79 3:10 am	PLACE OF OCCURRENCE 216 Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie
DATE AND TIME REPORTED BY COMPLAINANT same	technician assigned Knapp- Perkins

DETAILS

On the above date at approx. 4:00 am I was notified at home that a homicide had occurred at 216 Grand Ave by Off. Thomas Gnee and instructed to respond.

At Approx. 4:15 am I arrived on the scene. I was met outside by Sgt. Witherwax, Off. Perkins and Off. Banyard. At this time Medical examiner Garrell arrived on the scene. I entered the home and found Det. Pizzarelli inside. He and Off. Perkins led us to the cellar where the body of the victim was lying facedown on a stairway between the cellar and garage. The victim had a pair of pants pulled down around his ankles. He was also wearing a pair of track type shoes and his underwear were inside the pants. He had a rope tied to one of his legs and around his neck there was masking tape with a sock inside of it. His shirt was off of the body except for on one arm in which it was still through the sleeve.

On the floor behind the victim was a large area of blood. Next to this was a yellow bucket which contained blood, and a blood soaked sponge. On the other side of the area was a roll of masking tape. Tied to a pole near the tape was rope similar to that found on the victim. There was also rope around the base of the pole and in other parts of the cellar.

Next to a stairway leading upstairs was a pair of shoes, a pair of Jeans and a 'T' shirt. On the jeans and shirt there was stains which appeared to be blood. On the floor next to the clothing was a set of shoe prints left in blood which appeared to have come from the ones on the floor. There was ~~ale~~ also a set of prints left by bare feet.

In the garage where Off. Robert Mattushik was securing the rear of the house was a cadillac bearing NY Reg. 433 DUL. The vehicle was partially backed into the garage. On the garage floor in the rear of the vehicle was a bluish shower curtain and a lenght of rope.

In the Livingroom of the home Off. Perkins showed me a Charter Arms 38 Cal. 2 in revolver bearing serial #448091.

a further examination of the house by this officer revealed a partial footprint left in blood on the bathroom floor. On the shower wall under the soapdish was a streak of blood. On the soap itself was also what appeared to be blood.

STATUS OF THIS CASE: Active

R. Knapp #94
Signature of technician

Sgt. Witherwax
Signature of Commanding Officer

CRIME CLASSIFICATION (DO NOT FOLD OR ROLL THIS REPORT)

Homicide:
216 Grand Ave.
Aug. 20-79 310 am

victim: [redacted]
Defendant: Albert Fentress

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CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
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Off. R. Knapp #94 report.

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DETAILS

In the kitchen there were spots of blood visible on the floor. In the kitchen sink several hairs were found on the bottom of the sink and on the countertop there was found a fork with a hair on it.

Beginning at 4:30 am the following pictures were taken utilizing my own YASHICA TL-Super 35mm camera set at 400 ASA and film speed of 60-X (unless noted) with a 50 mm lens. It was loaded with Kodak CG 135-24 Kodacolor 400 film:

1- overall shot of body on steps leading from cellar to garage at 20 feet at F-5'6. (taken from other steps).
2- same shot from other side of steps at 20 feet at F-5'6.
3- shot of body at 10 feet at F-11.
4- shot of a beer can in spreader and gin bottle on floor at 5 feet at F-16.
5- shot of cellar from southeast to northwest at 15 feet at F-8.
6- shot of cellar from northwest to southeast at 15 feet at F-8.
7- shot of yellow bucket on floor containing blood w/sponge next to it at 5 feet at F-16.
8- shot of rope and plastic bag lying on floor at 5 feet at F-16.
9- shot of blue jeans, 'T' shirt, shoes & 'blood' prints left on floor at 6 feet at F-16.
10- shot of body at 10 feet at F-8.
11- another shot of body at 10 feet at F-8.
12- close-up of shoes and 'blood prints' on floor at 7 feet at F-16.
13- shot of body from top of stairs (in garage) looking down at body at 7 feet at F-11.
14- shot of rope and shower curtain on floor of garage w/car visible in background at 10 feet at F-11.
15- Shot of car in garage (433 DUL) at 10 feet at F-11.
16- shot of body taken from the garage at view from which Off. Mattushik would have first seen it at 10 feet at F-8.
17- close-up of a razor blade on the cellar floor covered w/blood at 5 feet at F-16.

5:50 am- body turned over after Alamo Ambulance arrives (james Hussey & Warren Johnson).

18- close-up of the body head at 5 feet at F-16.

STATUS OF THIS CASE Active

Signature of technician

Sgt. Watterman
Signature of Commanding Officer

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CASE CLASSIFICATION

Homicide:
216 Grand Ave.
Aug. 20-79 310 am

victim: [redacted]
Defendant: Albert Fentress

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DETAILS

19- shot of front of body at 10 feet at F-8.
20- close-up of the head, non wound side, at 7 feet at F-11.
21- close-up of left arm showing tape on same and outline of three fingers at 5 feet at F-16.
22- Close-up of mid-section of body showing dismember at 5 feet at F-16.
23- Shot of kitchen sink at 7 feet at F-8.
24- shot of the front of 216 Grand Ave taken at 50 Feet at F-8 using no flash and a film speed of 125.
25- shot of the rear of 216 Grand Ave taken at F-11 at 50 feet using no flash and a film speed of 125.

Camera reloaded w/ 20 exposure roll same type film.

26- shot of Charter Arms 2 inch revolver, Serial #448091, on floor next to tape measure taken at 7 feet at F-8.
27- shot of the bathroom shower wallm depicting the blood under the soap dish and red stain on the soap using no flash at 5 feet at F-1.7.
28- shot of footprint on the bathroom floor using no flash at 5 feet at F-1.7.

The follwing pictures were taken at Police HQ in the detectives room w/ Det. Seigel, Pizzarelli and the defendants attorney present. pictures started at 8:40 am:

29- shot of the front of the defendant, Albert Fentress, at 7 feet at F-2.8 using no flash.
30- shot of the back of the defendant taken at 7 feet at F-2.8 using no flash.
31- shot of the defendant's right arm taken at 1.75-2 feet at F-2.17 using no flash, depicting brusies.

The following pictures were taken at the VBH Mortuary during the post of [redacted], victim, conducted by Doctor McMahon and attended by myself and Off. Mattushik. Pictures begin at 9:55 am:

32- shot of the victim on his back on the table from the non wound side at 5 feet at F1.7. no flash used.

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33- shot of victim from other side of body taken at 5 feet at F.1.7 using no flash.
34- close-up of right side of victim head at 2 feet at F-1.7. no flash.
35- close-up of left side of victim head at 2 feet at F-1.7, no flash.
36- close-up of left foot of victim at 2 feet at F-1.7, no flash.
37- close-up of right foot of victim at 2 feet at F-1.7, no flash.
38- close-up of bruises on victim at 3.5 feet at F-1.7, no flash.
39- shot of Doctor McMahon and victim at 7 feet at F-1.7, no flash.
40- shot of bruises on body at 4 feet at F-2, no flash.
41- shot of bruises on back of left arm at 2.5 feet at F-1.7, no flash.
42- close-up of right hand at 1/2 foot at F-1.7, no flash.
43- close-up of left hand at 2.5 feet at F-2.8, no flash.
44- close-up of the bruise on left chest at 2 feet at F-1.7, no flash.
45- close-up of the buttocks of the victim at 2.5 feet at F-1.7, no flash.

Camera reloaded w/ 24 exposure roll same type film.

46- shot of the rear of the right arm at 2.5 feet at F-2.8, no flash.
47- shot of bruises of back at 2.5 feet at F-2.8, no flash.
48- shot of McMahon holding head in area of entry wound at 2.5 feet at F-8, no flash.
49- close-up of other entry wound showing powderburn at 1/2 foot at F-4, no flash.
50- shot of hole in skull at 2 1/2 feet at F-2.8, no flash.
51- close-up of powderburns inside the skull of victim at 6/10 feet at F-4, no flash.

The following black and white pictures were also taken at the post using the dept. 4x5 camera at a film speed of 250, set at F-11 and with the flash:

1- shot of the body lying on the back on the table from the wound side of head taken at 5 feet.
2- shot of oposite side of body at 5 feet.
3- shot of the back of the victim at 4 feet.
4- shot of the marks on the right arm at 4 feet.

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5- shot of the marks on the chest of body at 4 feet.

On 8/21/79 Off. Perkins and myself returned to the house. At this time a rough sketch was made of the first floor of 216 Grand Ave. At this time we also secured an empty shell casing from a bedroom dresser.

On 8/22/79 I went to Miller Funeral Home at 59 Montgomery St. There I removed three hair samples from the victim. They are as follows. Hair from head, Evid. #007754, hair from left thigh, Evid. #C07756 and hair from rgt. thigh, Evid. # 007755.

Also on 8/22/79 the house was entered. At this time a rough sketch was made of the cellar and garage of 216 Grand Ave. The following evidence was also collected at the scene:

1- paint sample from garage to cellar steps- 007779
2- blood sample from the yellow bucket containing the blood- 007778
3- bucket itself- 007783
4- using a saline solution a scraping was taken from the bathroom shower wall- 007781
5- soap from shower soap dish- 007780
6- towels found in car, NY 433 DUL- 007782

At this time a picture was taken at 12:50 pm at 4 feet at F-16 using the flash of the blood spots on the kitchen floor. It was taken from a kneeling position.

On 8/22/79 at approx. 300 pm Off. Perkins and myself delivered evidence to the NYSP Lab in Newburgh for processing. See attached Case Submission report for details.

On 8/23/79 I returned to 216 Grand Ave to add the measurements of the garage and cellar to my sketches. I was assisted by Sgt. Krauer.

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Sgt. Whiteman

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New York Post, Friday, December 7, 2001 nypost.com



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CANNIBAL STUNNED BY GHOST FROM PAST

By KIERAN CROWLEY

Confessed killer and cannibal Albert Fentress was confronted with a bombshell shortly after he took the stand in a Long Island courtroom yesterday — a shocking prosecution charge in front of the jury that he sexually molested the young son of a neighbor 22 years ago.

The dramatic revelation stopped the civil trial, in which Fentress, 59, is trying to win his freedom from a Long Island mental institution after 22 years in custody. He was never charged with the 1979 crimes.

Suffolk County Supreme Court Justice James Catterson sent the jury home and gave the defense until next week to prepare for the surprise witness — the man who is expected to testify that Fentress molested him repeatedly when he was 6 years old.

A source told The Post that the victim, now himself a parent, was asked why he did not come forward in 1979.

"I did," he replied.

He revealed his horrible secret to his parents in 1992, when he was 19 and Fentress was attempting to gain his release.

"Mom and Dad, you introduced me to Mr. Fentress — Mr. Fentress did terrible things," he told his parents, the source said. The family immediately contacted the Dutchess County district attorney with his allegations.

In an apparent oversight by the prosecutor, "inexplicably, his testimony was not included. They lost the testimony and then forgot about it," the source said.

The source called Fentress "a sexual predator" and called the victim "a hero" who has stepped forward again "just to prevent this guy from doing it to" another child.

Dutchess County prosecutor Edward McLaughlin, questioning Fentress about his entire sex life, sprang the surprise.

Fentress was asked if he agreed with McLaughlin that his therapy — which he claims cured him of mental illness that led him to castrate and cannibalize 18-year-old Paul Masters in 1979 — was only valid if he told the truth to his doctors about his sex life.

"We've agreed to that," Fentress replied, calmly.

Then McLaughlin sprung the bombshell, asking Fentress if he performed oral sex on the 6-year-old son of a neighbor.

"Good grief!" gasped Fentress, who did not answer.

Catterson, son of the DA by the same name, sustained an objection and excused the jury.

Killer-Cannibal Withdraws Plea to Leave Mental Hospital

By ELISSA GOOTMAN

RIVERHEAD, N.Y., Dec. 11 — Albert Fentress, the former Hudson Valley schoolteacher charged with torturing, killing and cannibalizing an 18-year-old man more than 20 years ago, withdrew his petition today to be released from a mental hospital.

The decision, midway through a trial to determine whether Mr. Fentress, 60, still posed a threat to society, came on the heels of the prosecutors' announcement that a witness was prepared to testify that Mr. Fentress had repeatedly sexually abused him when the witness was 10.

That testimony would have challenged Mr. Fentress's statements last week that he had been cured of his mental and emotional problems by being totally truthful — including giving the details of his sexual history — with the psychiatrists who examined and treated him, and therefore no longer represented a danger to society. He testified that he had told them about three homosexual encounters. None involved a minor.

In 1980, Mr. Fentress was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the killing of Paul Masters, a recent high school graduate who had wandered into his backyard the previous August. At the time, Mr. Fentress told officials that, with visions of the movie "Deliverance" playing in his mind, he lured Mr. Masters into his basement, tied him up at gunpoint, sexually abused and mutilated him, shot him twice in the head, then cooked and ate parts of his body.

Mr. Fentress has spent the last two decades in psychiatric institutions, most recently the Pilgrim State Psychiatric Center in Brentwood on Long Island. In 1996, he made his first attempt to gain freedom when he challenged the retention application the state is required to submit every two years. By the time that case wended its way through the legal system, it was already 1998, and time for the state to file a new application, which Mr. Fentress also objected to.

Mr. Fentress's petition came before a jury in 1999. But the jury's finding, that Mr. Fentress was mentally ill but no longer dangerous and should be set free, was heavily criticized by public officials, including Gov. George E. Pataki, and set aside by a judge. In the latest trial, which began last week before Justice James M. Catterson of State Supreme Court in Riverhead, the jury was to determine whether Mr. Fentress should be released.

Mr. Fentress's lawyer, Kim L. Darrow of the state's Mental Hygiene Legal Service, said Mr. Fentress has denied molesting the 10-year-old. Mr. Darrow said that he believed the denial was truthful.

Mr. Fentress did not appear in court today.

"He's extremely disappointed that a false allegation has temporarily derailed his case," Mr. Darrow said, adding he withdrew the plea for freedom on his client's behalf because there was not enough time to investigate the pedophilia allegations.

Edward McLoughlin, a Dutchess County prosecutor who is working with the state attorney general's office to keep Mr. Fentress institutionalized, said the prospective witness contacted his office in 1992.

Mr. McLoughlin said the witness was not called to testify in 1999 because "we thought this was the most effective time to use it."

In 1999, prosecutors had taken a different strategy, focusing on Mr. Fentress's psychological and medical conditions at the time rather than on his past actions. In the trial that ended today, Mr. McLoughlin and an assistant attorney general called Mr. Fentress to the stand and asked him whether he had been fully honest with his doctors.

Mr. Fentress testified on Thursday that he had been forthcoming with them. He also testified that he had had only three homosexual encounters: two before the killing, and the third when he performed oral sex on Mr. Masters. Asked whether it was true that he had orally sodomized the 10-year-old up to 20 times during the spring and summer of 1979, Mr. Fentress had responded, "Good grief." His lawyer quickly objected, and the case was adjourned until today.

Next spring, the state is again required to submit an application seeking to keep Mr. Fentress hospitalized. It is not yet clear whether he will again petition for release.

Vic DeLucia/The New York Times

Albert Fentress, 60, leaving court on Long Island yesterday.

Lottery Numbers

Dec. 11, 2001

Midday New York Numbers — 493
Midday New York Win 4 — 8099
New York Numbers — 242
New York Win 4 — 4771
New York Take 5 — 2, 6, 16, 5, 18,
New York Pick 10 — 10, 14, 15, 19, 25, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 36, 37, 40, 46, 54, 56, 60, 62, 72, 78
New Jersey Pick 3 — 038
New Jersey Pick 4 — 8823
New Jersey Cash 5 — 7, 14, 28, 33, 34
Big Game — 18, 22, 24, 32, 47; big money ball, 2
Connecticut Mid-Day 3 — 238
Connecticut Mid-Day 4 — 6435
Connecticut Daily — 051
Connecticut Play 4 — 6251
Connecticut Cash 5 — 12, 20, 30, 31, 34
Connecticut Classic Lotto — 24, 31, 33, 37, 39, 44

Dec. 10, 2001

New York Take 5 — 1, 7, 25, 26, 36
New York Pick 10 — 1, 3, 7, 10, 12, 19, 20, 35, 40, 54, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 69, 71, 78
Connecticut Daily — 059
Connecticut Play 4 — 8590
Connecticut Cash 5 — 4, 15, 22, 26, 34

The question that shocked the entire population of Poughkeepsie, New York:

WAS THE POPULAR HISTORY TEACHER A CANNIBAL?

by JOSEPH L. KENNEDY
Special Investigator for OFFICIAL DETECTIVE STORIES

BECAUSE the facts of the case were too horrible to admit, police kept most of them to themselves. What went out to the newspapers was that early that Monday morning, August 20, 1979, officers had gone to a home on the 200 block of South Grand Avenue in Poughkeepsie, New York, where they found the body of 18-year-old Paul Masters of Timberline Drive with two bullets in the head. The death weapon a .38-caliber revolver, evidently belonged to the sole resident of the house, 38-year-old Albert F. Fentress, a history teacher at Poughkeepsie Middle School, who was taken into custody and charged with murder.

"We don't know what Masters was doing there, or if they'd had an argument," an investigator said. "About all we can tell you is that when we got there Fentress was acting perfectly normal in spite of—"

"In spite of what?" a reporter asked.

The officer shook his head. "I'm sorry," he explained, "but Tom Dolan, the assistant Dutchess County D.A. working on the case, has asked us not to make any further comment on the shooting."

On their own the reporters learned that police had been alerted to the slaying about 3:00 a.m., when they received a call from a Bancroft Road woman whose son, a lawyer, had been phoned by Fentress soon after the teenager's death. When they had arrived at the history teacher's well-kept, two-story white wood frame home with the flowers in the front yard, he had seemed quite calm, almost relieved to see them. He had gone quietly when asked to accompany them to headquarters. Interviews with the other residents of the quiet, tree-shaded block turned up nothing to account for what the lawmen had found.

"There were always a lot of youngsters out by the Fentress place," a woman said, "but this is the first time anything out of the ordinary ever happened there. Al always struck me as a real nice guy. I spoke to him about nine o'clock last night and everything seemed O.K. He was alone, if I remember."

"Do you have any idea of where he met Paul Masters?"

"No, I don't," she said.

Homicide probers, meanwhile, had learned that the slain youth was a recent graduate of Spackenkill High School who had planned to enroll at the State Unversity of New York's Albany campus at the start of the fall semester on a Regents Scholarship. At Spackenkill High, administrators remembered him as a "leadership type," who had been active in student government as a senior and was also a member of the football team.

"He was an outspoken person that other kids sat back and listened to when he had something to say," the school's assistant principal said.

"He was one of the nicest guys you would ever want to know," a friend said. "He would do anything for you. I just saw him last night. No. . . I haven't the faintest idea of whether or not he knew Albert Fentress, or how he came to be at his house."

The witness' mother said that her son last had seen Paul Masters at a party on Scenic Drive about midnight.

"I was at that party, too," one of the slain youth's former classmates said, "and he was still there when I left at 1 a.m., so I can't tell you how he ended up over on South Grand Avenue. It was a very quiet party and he didn't appear drunk.

"Paul was an outgoing fellow," she went on, "once he got to know you, that is. Otherwise he was pretty quiet. . . a very normal guy. He was part of a popular crowd. Over the summer he was working for a home improvement company in the Spackenkill area, I think."

As Poughkeepsie homicide probers continued their investigation into Paul Masters' background, still attempting to come up with a motive for his shocking death, his suspected slayer was hauled into City Court to enter a plea of innocent to a count of second-degree murder. He was remanded to the Dutchess County Jail without bail, pending a



Albert Fentress, a Poughkeepsie, N.Y. high school teacher, was accused of murdering student Paul Masters, 18. Youth was found in Fentress's home, shot dead, sexually mutilated

preliminary hearing slated for Wednesday, August 22nd.

"Fentress has been a history teacher in Poughkeepsie school district since January 20, 1965," the associate superintendent of schools said. "He's had an outstanding record in the district and has received several letters of commendation on his performance and involvement as a teacher here." He added that he was "completely shocked" to learn of his arrest.

On Tuesday, police conceded that there was more to the death of Paul Masters than they originally had let on, when it was revealed that the murdered youth had been sexually mutilated by his slayer.

"We still haven't determined if it happened before or after he was killed," one detective said. "But even so, that's not the worst of it."

"What is, then?" one reporter asked the investigator.

"I'm sorry, but I'm not at liberty to say."

Poughkeepsie Police Sergeant Roland Witherwax told newsmen that investigators had so far been unable to establish any link between Paul Masters and Albert Fentress before the slaying, despite interviews with friends and relatives of both men.

Assistant District Attorney Dolan pointed out that nothing had been found to indicate that the men even knew each other before Monday morning and Sergeant Witherwax put in that police had been unable to determine what had brought Masters to the Fentress home.

"We have a lot more work to do at the scene," he said somewhat cryptically.

Other investigators said that police would try to find more young persons who had attended Sunday night's party on Scenic Drive for questioning about the last hours of Paul Masters' life.

Late on Tuesday afternoon, Albert Fentress was indicted by a Dutchess County, New York, grand jury on charges of second-degree murder. Arraigned, the following day, before County Judge Raymond E. Aldrich, the dark-haired teacher entered an innocent plea and then had his case adjourned for 30 days to allow defense attorneys time to prepare motions. One lawyer said that he was not yet prepared to ask Judge Aldrich to set bail.

Interviewed by reporters, one Poughkeeper police investigator said that although he had still not been able to ascertain any connection between Fentress and Masters he had heard conflicting stories of where the teenager had spent the hours leading up to his death.

"Some kids told us that he went along with a group of his friends to the intersection of Hooker and Grand Avenues, near the Krieger School, where a 'rumble' was planned between some youths from Spackenkill and Poughkeepsie. The Fentress place on South Grand is just a few blocks away from the Krieger School."

Sergeant Witherwax said that police had hurried to the scene around midnight, after learning of the fight through an anonymous phone call, and that the youths had fled at the first sight of a patrol car. A week before, he noted, a similar confrontation had been broken up when police arrived at Spratt Park just as a battle was about to get underway.

"What was the fight all about?" a reporter asked.

"I have no idea," Withwax answered. "The kids aren't saying."

From other investigators came word that Albert Fentress had made no statement at the time of his arrest.

"We charged him with second-degree murder, because first-degree applies only to the murder of a police officer, or a prison guard, or to a murder committed by an inmate already serving a life prison sentence," he explained. "Second-degree murder, in New York, carries a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison."

Late on Wednesday, Poughkeepsie police said that they were looking into the possibility that Paul Masters had been

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with whichto work. Thanks to the men skilled in forensic investigation, police had something tangible to work with. These bits of evidence included the death slug, the cigarette tax stamp and those four faded, almost illegible letters found in the fragile, rotted fabric of what was once a pair of men's trousers.

Sheriff Flynn complimented the investigators who had developed the slim leads to maximum advantage in their efforts to identify the victim and to arrive at a solution to the perplexing and frustrating crime puzzle. Had anyone involved in the investigation of David H. Tunno's death dropped a stitch, it is highly doubtful that the victim would have ever been identified, let alone that a suspect would have been arrested and brought to trial.

Public Defender King Tristini allowed his client to take the witness stand to testify in his own defense. Mr. and Mrs. David Tunno, parents of the victim, were in Cheyenne to attend the trial.

McDaniel, who had reputedly been treated for venereal rectal warts during his incarceration, wove a tale for the jurors essentially as follows: He claimed he met Tunno in a bar and that they later bought a case of beer. Afterward, McDaniel testified, he drove Tunno out of Cheyenne on the Happy Jack Road, using a borrowed pickup truck. He'd stopped to relieve himself. The victim, according to the defendant's story, made aggressive homosexual overtures. There was a fight. McDaniel implied that he was angry and that he'd resisted. Tunno then ran off into the darkness. McDaniel pulled a gun which he had with him and fired two shots into the night. The accused recanted somewhat by testifying that he was more disappointed than angry about the alleged homosexual advances.

Other testimony from the suspect tended to explain away other incriminating aspects involved—that is, ownership of a .32-cal. pistol, etc. As to the shootout in his brother's house, McDaniel explained that he'd fired into the ceiling because he wanted to be careful not to hit anyone. He stated that on the night of May 18, 1978, when he fired two pistol shots after Tunno's flight, he hadn't meant to hit the victim. He portrayed himself as an extremely careful gunman. Shortly after his testimony, the case was given to the jury for deliberation.

After six hours and five minutes in deliberation, the jurors returned to the courtroom at 9:50 p.m., October 29, 1980, with their verdict. McDaniel sat at the defense counsel's table, his face betraying no emotion as the foreman stood to inform the court of the findings.

The defendant had been on trial for first-degree murder. The issues had been sufficiently clouded, the waters muddied. McDaniel's peers found him guilty on a lesser included offense and they declared him guilty of murder in the second degree.

The victim's parents received the news of the conviction with mixed feelings. Mr. Tunno praised the Laramie County law-enforcement authorities for their role in the resolving of the mystery which surrounded his son's fate. He expressed feelings of deep bitterness, however, because of the fact that the man accused of murdering his son was allowed to take the witness stand where, under oath, he was permitted to vilify and besmirch the name of the man he'd killed and left to rot in a lonely field for two years.

"This man (McDaniel) has killed my son; now he's trying to destroy him in death," the grief-stricken father excaimed. "He killed him, then he wants to do this — it just cuts me apart,"he declared, making pointed reference to the fact that McDaniel had alleged that it was the victim, and not he, who initially made improper sexual advances of a homosexual nature.

He also said, "The verdict isn't going to bring my son back. The truth that did come out was that the murderer pistol-whipped my son, shot him, dragged him into a ditch and left him." He also described the agonies he and his wife suffered while searching for their son.

A pre-sentencing report was ordered. Edward McDaniel was subsequently given a 25-to-40-year term in the Wyoming State Penitentiary located in Rawlins, Wyoming. Under Wyoming State law, he will not be eligible for parole until after he has served a minimum of 20 years in prison.

Viewing this case in retrospect, Detective Phil Wilson is prone to believe that, almost from start to finish, he and his fellow investigators were guided by the fine hand of Providence. He recalls how helpful his attendance at the homicide seminar proved to be, enabling him to do all the right things at the right time. He points out, too, that had the rancher who found the victim's remains stopped just a few feet short, he would never have discovered the mound of bones. In another two or three months, the slug in the torso would have been too corroded to be used for comparison tests. He remembers, also, that the keen memories of two fellow law-enforcement officers proved to be an invaluable asset. "I can't help but feel that somehow, the solution to this particular crime was preordained. Someone up there helped us to solve the murder of David H. Tunno." ★★★

Was Teacher a Cannibal? *(from page 23)*

bound by Albert Fentress shortly before he was slain. According to Sergeant Withwax, probers had found some ropes tied to a post in the unfinished basement of the teacher's home, where the killing was believed to have taken place.

"The Masters youth wasn't tied up when we found him," a detective said, "but there were marks on his arms which looked as if they'd been made by ropes. By the way, we've definitely been able to place him at the Krieger School around midnight, at the time the rumble was broken up."

Other investigators reported that Paul Masters had spent part of the summer working at a Hooker Avenue ice cream shop and that waitresses still employed there had identified Albert Fentress as a patron.

Sergeant Withwax said that the most recent examination of the victim's body indicated that he had been shot twice at very close range. Two slugs believed to have come from a .38-caliber handgun were found in the youth's head, he said, but ballistics tests, which would determine if the slugs had come from Fentress' gun, had not yet been completed.

On Thursday, Poughkeepsie City police brass conceded that they had been unable to figure out how Paul Masters had arrived at Albert Fentress' home on Sunday night.

"We're stumped," Chief Stewart Bowles said.

Bowles pointed out that his men had found no evidence to indicate that the locks on Fentress' doors had been tampered with, or that the burglar alarm at the house had gone off. No drugs were found at the scene, he said, nor had his men turned up anything unusual inside the house which might help explain the murder.

At 3 a.m., just a few moments before the slaying was reported, Bowles went on, a burglary was reported at another South Grand Avenue home by a man who said that someone had stolen $300 from his wallet. But police had been unable to make any connection between the two incidents, since the burglary victim did not report seeing or hearing the intruder.

In time, the story of how Paul Masters came to the end of his life in the basement of Albert Fentress' home was learned by psychiatrists; then by the police and officers of the Dutchess County district attorney's office. But it was not until Friday, October 31, 1980, during a hearing for Albert Fentress in Dutchess County Superior Court, in Poughkeepsie, that the facts finally

Fentress, Albert, , Middle School

assaulted by student Reggie [redacted]

4-30-76 officer's report

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POSSIBLE YOUTH BUREAU INV. FILED WITH THEM.

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City of Poughkeepsie, New York
Police Department

Date Reported: 9-25-77
Time Reported: ____ a.m. 8:30 p.m.

BURGLARY INVESTIGATION

NAME: [illegible] Albert
~~(owner/tenant - if dwelling)~~ (Business, school, church, etc.)

LOCATION OF BURGLARY 216 So. Grand Ave

COMPLAINANT: SAME HOME PHONE: 471-4737
Last name, first middle

ADDRESS: — BUSINESS PHONE: 471-5030

DISCOVERED BY: SAME B/PHONE:
Last name, first middle

ADDRESS: — H/PHONE:

DATE DISCOVERED: 9-25-77 TIME DISCOVERED: 8:30 pm

MODE OF ENTRY: unlocked window No. side of building

MODE OF EXIT: door [illegible] side of building

LAST SECURED BY: owner H/PHONE: —

ADDRESS: SAME B/PHONE: —

DATE LAST SECURED: 9-24-77 TIME LAST SECURED: 8:30 AM

ALARM INSTALLED: yes (no) ALARM OPERABLE yes no ALARM DEFEATED yes no

TOOLS USED: (describe) unknown

PHOTOS TAKEN: yes no DUSTED FOR PRINTS (yes) no BY WHOM:

SAFE INVOLVED: yes no

DESCRIBE: N/A
(Make, model, serial number, color, size, location)

TELETYPE SENT: Yes No MESSAGE NUMBER ____ DATE SENT:

STATUS OF INVESTIGATION: (ACTIVE) UNFOUNDED CLOSED

DETECTIVE AT SCENE: NONE

REPORT FILED BY: [illegible] DATE: 9-25-77 BADGE #: 85

APPROVED BY: [illegible] TITLE: Lt. DATE: 9/26/77

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LIST OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Article	Quantity	Make/Mfg.	Serial #	Value
Stamps	unknown			$7,000.00
Coins	unknown			500.00

PERSONS ARRESTED

Name	Address	D.O.B.	Charge
none			

WITNESSES

Name	Address	Phone

Allen Scott /
Frances Scott / 216 So. Grand Ave.

NARRATIVE

See Blue sheet

Value $7,000.00 500.00

...UGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.
...DEPARTMENT
...LAINT REPORT

OFFICER ASSIGNED: R BYRD

DATE OF REPORT : 9/25/77

- BURGLARY 216 SO. GRAND AVE.

TIME OF REPORT : 8:30 ~~AM~~--PM

name & address of complainant; ALBERT FENTRESS 216 SO. GRAND AVE. POK. N.Y.

complainant home phone; 471 4737

complainant business phone; 471 5030 MIDDLE SCHOOL

name & address of person interviewed;

person interviewed home phone;

person interviewed business phone;

UPON INVESTIGATION I FOUND THAT ENTRY WAS GAINED THROUGH AN OPEN WINDOW ON THE NO. SIDE OF THE BUILDING, AND EXIT WAS MADE THROUGH THE KITCHEN DOOR ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING. TAKEN WAS APPROX. 7,000.00 WORTH OF COLLECTERS STAMPS, WHICH ALBERT FENTRESS WILL BE GATHERING INFORMATION ON ~~XXXXX~~ EACH STAMP FOR FUTURE USE BY THIS DEPT. ALSO 500.00 WORTH OF COINS WERE TAKEN. ALBERT FENTRESS STATES THAT THERE ARE VERY FEW PEOPLE THAT KNOW ABOUT HIS COLLECTIONS AND BECAUSE OF WHERE HE HAD THE STAMPS AND COINS HE BELEAVES THAT IT MAY BE ONE OF THESE PERSONS WHO ENTERED HIS HOME. UPON FUTHER INVESTIGATION I FOUND A FOOT PRINT OUT SIDE OF THE WINDOW ON THE NO. SIDE OF THE BUILDING WHICH IN SIZE INDICATES A YOUTH HAD GAINED ENTRY. AFTER ENTRY THE PERPETRATOR CLOSED THE SHADES THROUGH OUT THE HOUSE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE BED ROOM AND THE CLOSET WHERE THE STAMPS AND COINS WERE KEPT. HE THEN WENT INTO THE OTHER BED ROOM WHERE HE TOOK A PAIR OF DIAMOND CUFFLINKS AND A PEN. FROM THERE HE WENT INTO THE DINNING ROOM AND GATHERED 2 SILVER CANDLE STICK HOLDERS 1 SILVER CREAMER 1 SILVER SUGAR BOWL 1 SILVER PLATTER AND PLACED ALL OF THE ABOVE IN A PILLOW CASE AND FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON LEFT THE ON A CHAIR IN THE LIVING ROOM. ALL OF THE SILVER ITEMS WERE BROUGHT TO H.Q. TO BE DUSTED FOR PRINTS EVID. NO. 004969 . ALBERT FENTRESS HOME WAS VACANT FROM 9/24/77 8:30 am TO 9/25/77 8:30 pm. I SPOKE TO A NEIGHBOR A FRANCSIS [redacted] OF [redacted] WHO STATED THAT HIS SISTER WAS BABY SITTING FOR HIM THE NIGHT OF THE BURGL

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Supervisor's Signature; H. J. Wilkinson

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AND HE STATED THAT SHE MAY HAVE SOME INFORMATION FOR US. AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO CONTACT HER. HE ALSO STATED THAT WHEN HE CONTACTED HER HE WOULD HAVE HER CALL H.Q. NO OTHER EVID. WAS FOUND IN OR AROUND THE AREAX

A REQUEST IS MADE THAT A DET. SEE ALBERT FENTRESS IN REF. TO THE STAMPS AND PERSONS THAT KNOW OF HIS COLLECTION.

SINCE ALBERT FENTRESS IS A TEACHER AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE FOOT PRINT OF A YOUTH WAS FOUND OUT SIDE THE WINDOW IT'S A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT THE BURGLARY MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITED BY ONE OF HIS STUDENTS, THIS IS ALSO ALBERT FENTRESS BELIEF.

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.
POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINT REPORT

OFFICER ASSIGNED: R BYRD

DATE OF REPORT : 9/26/77

TIME OF REPORT : 6:30 xxxx-PM

- ADDED INFORMATION ON BURGLARY 216 SO. GRAND AVE

name & address of complainant;

complainant home phone;

complainant business phone;

name & address of person interviewed; ELLEN [redacted]

person interviewed home phone; [redacted]

person interviewed business phone;

ON THE ABOVE DATE AND TIME I SPOKE TO A ELLEN SCOTT WHO WAS BABY SITTING FOR HER BROTHER ON 9/24/77 THE EVENING OF THE BURGLARY AT 216 SO. GRAND AVE. ELLEN WAS BABY SITTING AT [redacted] WHEN AT APPROX. 1:00 am SHE HEARD VOICES ON THE NO. SIDE OF THE BUILDING OF 216 SO. GRAND AVE. SHE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT GET UP TO SEE WHO WAS THERE BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT THAT ALBERT FENTRESS WAS HOME AND HE USUIALY HAS GUESTS OVER. SHE ALSO STATED THAT THE VOICES THAT SHE HEARD CAME FROM APPROX. 3 YOUTHS WHICH SHE BELIVES WERE NOT NEGRO YOUTHS BUT WHITE YOUTHS. SHE ALSO STATED THAT THE VOICES ENDED APPROX. 1:30 am AND SHE DID NOT SEE ANYONE LEAVE THE AREA.

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...investigation ...rglary 216 South Grand Ave.	**Police Department** CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE **COMPLAINT REPORT** OF **DETECTIVE BUREAU**	

NAME OF COMPLAINANT Surname: FENTRESS	First Name and Initials: ALBERT	ADDRESS OF COMPLAINANT: ~~216 South Grand Ave., Pok, NY~~
DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE: ~~BTN 9-24-77 and 9-25-77~~		PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 216 South Grand Ave.
DATE AND TIME REPORTED BY COMPLAINANT: 9-25-77	8:30 PM	DETECTIVE ASSIGNED: W. Grey

DETAILS

On September 25., 1977, at 8:30 AM., Albert Fentress, 216 South Grand Ave. Poughkeepsie, NY 471-4737, employed as a school teacher at the Middle School., 471-5030 called HQ and stated that between 9-24-77 and 9-25-77 his house had been burglarized. At that time Officer R. Byrd conducted the initial investigation. (For further information refer to Officer Byrd's report 9-25-77)

On September 26., 1977, Lt. Quinlan assigned me to continue the above investigation. I went to the Middle School where I interviewed Albert Fentress. 216 South Grand Ave. who stated that he had several suspects in mind. He further stated that taken was a stamp collection worth approximately seven thousand dollars and approximately 500 dollar in assorted coins. He stated that the stamp collection and coins were kept in a closet on the lefthand top shelf they are mixed in with books. He further stated he felt that it would have to be someone who knew where the stamp collection was. He further stated that not too many other things were disturbed in the house and it was apparent that the perpetrators knew what they were going after.

A liquor bottle which was apparently picked up by the subjects and drank at the scene was brought to HQ and dusted for fingerprints. Det. Lane lifted a fingerprint from one of the liquor bottles and Mr. Fentress came into HQ and at that time I fingerprinted Mr. Fentress for a comparison of the print that was taken off the bottle. According to Det. Lane the print that was on the bottle was the print of Mr. Fentress.

Also numerous silver items were brought into HQ for dusting. These were dusted by Det. Lane with negative results. Det. Lane stated that he believes that the subjects that entered the house apparently wore gloves. Mr. Fentress stated there were only a few persons who knew of his stamp collection. He further stated that no adults that he knows of know where his stamp collection is and he stated that there are seven kids which were in his class from the Middle School which had seen and knew that he had the stamp collection.

1. Ted [redacted], age approximately 14-15., resides somewhere on [redacted]
2. Blair [redacted], age 14-15., lives somewhereon [redacted].
3. Ray [redacted] age 14-15., resides somewhere on [redacted]
4. Mark [redacted], age 16-17, resides somwehre on [redacted]

Signature of Captain

William C. Grey
Signature of Detective

STATUS OF THIS CASE: Closed

Lt. R. Quinlan
Signature of Commanding Officer

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5. [redacted], age approximately 15, resides somewhere on [redacted]
6. [redacted] resides in [redacted]., age approximately 15
7. [redacted], lives in the [redacted] on [redacted]., age approximately 15

He stated that all of these youths have been to his house and had seen the stamp collection and knew ehre it was kept. He stated out of all the above youths he felt that one or more of them was definitely involved in the theft of the stamps. He further stated that Sean [redacted] would be his prime suspect. He stated that [redacted] was not into collecting stamps and that all of the rest of the boys were interested in collecting stamps. He stated that according to Ted. [redacted], [redacted] went over to [redacted]'s house a few days ago and was telling [redacted] that he needed some money to buy a bike. At that time [redacted] offered to lend him somewhere in the neighborhood of $200.00. Mr. Fentress stated that this was an unusual amount for the [redacted] youth to have and lend out.

He further stated that sneaker prints were found in his living room and bedroom. The pattern on the bottom of the sneaker, one set had pryamid type markings on the bottom all running the same way. The other set of sneakers had pryamid type marks on the bottom with cirles in the middle. Mr. Fentress stated that Ted [redacted] went to [redacted]'s house and at that time looked at a pair of sneakers which [redacted] had and when [redacted] returned to Fentress, White told Fentress that [redacted] had a pair of sneakers with a tread pattern similar to the one found in the floor.

The following information was obtained from the Poughkeepsie High School where [redacted] is a student. Sean [redacted] age 15., dob: [redacted], [redacted] Poughkeepsie, NY [redacted]. Fayher is William.

On September 27, 1977, Sgt. Witherwax contacted the father of the youth and arrangements were made forthe youth and his father to come to HQ on 9-28-77. at which time he will be interviewed by Det. Grey and Sgt. Witherwax. Officer Byrd also left a continued investigation report in reference to a babysitter who is babysitting at [redacted] She stated that at about 1:00 AM on 9-25-77, she heard voices on the north side of the building at 216 South Grand Ave. and stated that she did not get up to see who was there because she thought

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William E. Grey
Signature of Detective

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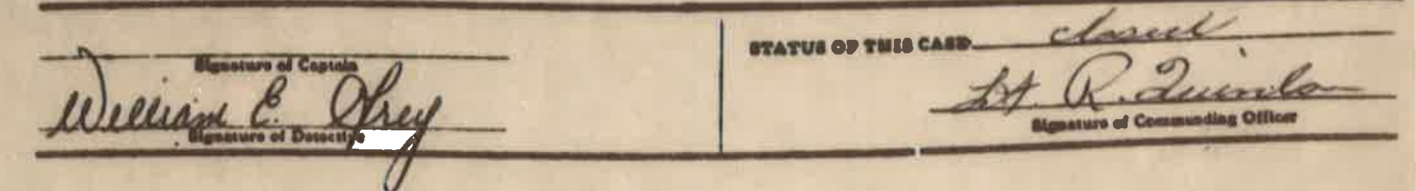
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that Albert Fentress was home and he usually has a lot of guests over. She stated that the voices that she heard came from about three youths which she believed were not negro youths but whiteyouths. She stated that the voices ended at approximately 1:30 AM and she did not see anyone leave the scene.

Mr. Fentress further stated that he is not concerned over an arrest or petition against any of the youths who possibly had stolen the stamp collection. He is moreinterested in the recovery of the collection which he valued approximately at $7,000.00 as he has no insurance to cover this theft.

The following is a list of merchandise which was taken in the burglary at 216 South Grand Ave.

1. US Mint Single mounted collection Trans Mississippi stamps
2. Assorted Mint Plate blocks, approximately 3,000 in glassine envelopes dated 1949 to 1967.
3. UN Inspiration blocks of 10 complete sets from 1951 to 1964, approximately 200 stamps in glassine holders.
4. 125 coil pair, two were 4½ cent stamps dated 1960 in glassine envelopes.
5. Four packs of Bicentennial stamps, five sheets in each pack, five stamps to sheet
6. Mounted plate block coil album complete from 1938 to 1963 approximately 300 stamps.
7. 10¢ Panama Pacific, perforation right side missing.
8. Three silver dollars in holder, 1920's
9. 1776 English Penny
10. 10 rolls of silver pennies, dated 1943.
11. 35 rolls of Wheat Pennies
12. 60 silver dollars in holders
13. 100 Indian Pennies
14. 50 silver dimes in holders
15. 10 half dollars, very old dated in the 1905
16. 10 karat gold college ring, New Paltz with a blue stone with 64A.F.B.A. on the inside of the ring.



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I sent out Teletype message #0653, File #7 on the articles which were stolen in the burglary at 216 South Grand Ave.

On September 27, 1977, at about 4:00 PM, Sean [redacted], age 15., dob: [redacted], Poughkeepsie, NY, [redacted] and his father WILLIAM [redacted] came into HQ and at that time was interviewed by Sgt. Witherwax and myself. Sean [redacted] stated that he had been in Mr. Fentress' house a few times, however, was not aware of any collections that Mr. Fentress had. He stated that on 9-25-77, at about 1:00 AM., he was at the Bardavon Theater working with the stage crew. His father verified this. He stated that he did not have anything to do with the burglary or any information in reference to the burglary. He stated he would be willing to take a polygraph and would give his fingerprints if necessary. The father also agreed to this.

At this time we told Sean [redacted] that Mr. Fentress was only concerned with getting the stamp collection back and that if he did have anyting to do with it we wanted the collection to turn up at Mr. Fentress house and if this happened the investigation would be closed and there would be no further questions. At this time I took the fingerprints of Sean [redacted] for comparison with the print left on the liquor bottle. At this time Sean [redacted] and his father left HQ and Sean stated that he would tell his friends that we were only interested in recovering the merchandise.

On September28, 1977, at about 8:00 AM., Ted [redacted] age 15., dob: [redacted] Poughkeepsie, NY, 471-4276 attends Poughkeepsie High School, 10th Grade, came into HQ with his father, Reginald [redacted] and at that time was interviewed by Sgt. Witherwax and myself. Ted stated that he is a close friend of Mr. Fentress and has been over to his house numerous times and has seen and was aware of Mr. Fentress' stamp and coin collection. He stated that he had nothing to do with the burglary or did he have any information concerning the burglary. He stated he would be willing to give his fingerprints for comparison. At this time I received a call from Mr. Fentress who stated that he had gone outside to get in his car and had found a pillowcase containing his stamp collection.

Signature of Captain

William E. Spey

Signature of Detective

STATUS OF THIS CASE closed

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At this time the interview with Ted [redacted] and his father was ended and they left HQ and Sgt. Witherwax and myself went to 216 South Grand Ave. where we interviewed Mr. Fentress. At this time Mr. Fentress showed us a blue, red and white pillowcase and a paper bag and stated that when he went out this morning to go to work he started towards his car and found the paper bag and pillowcase next to his garbage cans next to his car. At this time he brought the pillowcase inside and opened it up and discovered that it contained his stamp collection. While we were present he did an inventory of the stamp collection and it appeared that all of the stamps that were stolen were returned to Mr. Fentress. All of the coins also appeared to be returned with the exception of about 50 silver dollars, and a roll of 1943 pennies and a 1776 English penny. Also missing was the 10 karat gold college school ring, however, Mr. Fentress stated that it is possible that it was not taken in the buglary and may be in the house somewhere.

I sent out message 0659, File #7 dated 9-28-77 cancelling the teletype on the stamp and coin collection.

This investigation is closed due to the stamp and coin collection being recovered. Mr. Fentress stated that he was not concerned about the few coins which were missing due to the fact that the $7,000.00 stamp collection was recovered and he had also put the word out to the kids in school that hedid not care about an arrest in the case and only wanted the recovery of the stamp collection.

WEG:ft closed...........

Signature of Captain

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NEW YORK STATE POLICE
STATE CAMPUS
ALBANY, N. Y., 12226

September 10, 1979

SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY

Lab Case 79N-A-16

TO: Chief Stewart Bowles
City of Poughkeepsie Police Department
Municipal Building
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

SUBJECT: [redacted]
LOCATION: City of Poughkeepsie, August 20, 1979

RECEIPT

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EXAMINATION

1. STOMACH CONTENTS

Examination reveals the presence of green beans, rice, onions, some type of meat, tomato skins and cucumber seeds.

2. BLOOD - [redacted]

Blood Group B

XAMINATION cont'd:

3. BLOOD - [redacted]

A general toxicology blood screen, as routinely performed by this Laboratory, was NEGATIVE.

Ethyl Alcohol was present in the blood in a concentration of 0.21% by weight.

4. SAMPLE FROM BUCKET

A Quantity of blood is present.

Blood - human - possible Group B.

5. DRAIN PIPE

Examination of the residue inside of the pipe failed to reveal the presence of any human tissue or any blood.

A mixture of several different colors and types of hair found present.

DISPOSITION

Evidence retained at Laboratory and must be picked up within 10 days.

R. A. Marcucio

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S. Ferriss

Captain/Director

cc:3 - Chief Bowles
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REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

November 16, 1979

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 95-232659
LATENT CASE NO. B-77691

TO: Chief of Police
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Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Attention: Mr. Thomas Perkins
Crime Scene Technician

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK
AUGUST 20, 1979
HOMICIDE

REFERENCE: Letter August 27, 1979
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee
SPECIMENS: Q13 and Q16, tape
Q20, razor blade
K1, revolver
Four .38 caliber cartridges
Beer can
Two glasses
Fingerprints of Albert Francis Fentress, [redacted] Robert Holden, Ronald Knapp and Thomas Perkins

This report supplements and confirms the information furnished to your office by telephone on November 2, 1979.

The specimens were examined and no latent prints of value were present or developed.

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FBI FILE NO. 95-232659

LAB. NO. 90828070 S RV UK NM

Re: ALBERT FENTRESS - SUSPECT;
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YOUR NO.

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter dated August 27, 1979

Examination requested: Chemical Analyses - Microscopic Analyses - Firearms - Fingerprint

Specimens:

Q1-Q2	Cartridge cases (5 & 9)
Q3-Q4	Knives (7)
Q5	Piece of plastic (7)
Q6	Two pieces of rope (8)
Q7	Hairs (10)

Q8	Pants and belt (11)
Q9	Blue jeans (12)
Q10	T-shirt (12)
Q11	Belt (12)
Q12	Unknown substance (13)
Q13	Tape (14)
Q14	Sock (14)
Q15	Underwear (15)
Q16	Tape (16)
Q17	Rope (17)
Q18-Q19	Shoes (18)
Q20	Razor blade (19)
Q21	Fork (20)
Q22	Soap (21)
Q23-Q26	Swabs (22)
Q27	Unknown substance (24)
Q28	Fingernail scrapings (25)
Q29	Bullet (26)
Q30-Q33	Bullet fragments (27-31)

K1 .38 Special caliber revolver, Charter Arms serial number 448091 (1)

K2 Pubic hair sample from victim (23)

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Four .38 caliber cartridges (2)

Beer can (3)

Two glasses (4 & 6)

Fingerprints from victim

Fingerprint card from suspect

Three fingerprint cards from investigating officers

Result of examination:

Numerous brown Caucasian pubic hairs exhibiting the same microscopic characteristics as those present in K2 were found on or in Q5, Q8, Q12, Q13 and Q14. Accordingly, these hairs could have originated [redacted]. It is pointed out that hair comparisons cannot be used as a means of positive personal identification.

No hairs like K2 were found on Q6, Q9, Q10, Q11, Q15, Q18 through Q21. No hairs were found on or in Q1 through Q4, Q16, Q17, and Q22 through Q28.

One piece of one inch wide manila masking tape was found adhering to the bottom of the Q19, shoe. This piece of tape matches one end of the Q13, one inch wide manila masking tape. Therefore, the piece of tape from Q19 and the piece of tape in Q13 were once adjoining pieces of the same roll.

No apparent transfer of textile fibers was detected between the items submitted from the victim and the items from the suspect.

The Q1, Q2, Q29 and Q31 specimens were identified as having been fired by the K1 revolver.

Specimens Q30 and Q33 are lead fragments which do not contain any remaining bullet characteristics. Specimen Q32 is the lead core from a jacketed bullet such as specimen Q29 and could have originated from the Q31 bullet jacket. However, Q32 could not be further associated with K1.

Group "B" human blood was identified on specimens Q8 and Q15. Grouping tests conducted on the human blood identified on specimens Q6 and Q9 were inconclusive. Human blood, too limited in amount for grouping purposes, was identified on specimens Q10, Q18 and Q19. Human protein was identified in the tissue-like substance comprising specimen Q12. Blood, which was not characterized further, was identifed on specimens Q20 and Q24. Blood, too limited in amount for origin determination, was identified on specimen Q28. Specimens Q13 and Q14 were found to be unsuitable for serological examination. No blood was found on specimens Q11, Q22, Q23, Q25, Q26 and Q27.

No semen was found on specimens Q8, Q9, Q10 and Q15.

You will be advised of the result of the latent fingerprint examination by a separate report.

The submitted items will be returned to you under separate cover by registered mail.



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